IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

TUESDAY, THE 18TH DECEMBER 2007 / 27TH AGRAHAYANA 1929

Bail Appl..No. 7994 of 2007()

CC.289/2006 of J.M.F.C.-I, CHENGANNUR

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PETITIONER : ACCUSED

RAM MANOJ,
S/O.RAMACHANDRAN,
PROPRIETOR,
M/S.A.M.BODY BUILDERS,
BHARANIKAVU, PORUVAZHI.P.O,
SASTHAMCOTTA VILLAGE,
KUNNATHOOR, KOLLAM.

BY ADV. SRI.K.V.ANIL KUMAR

RESPONDENTS:

STATE OF KERALA, REP. BY
THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR ,
HIGH COURT OF KERALA, ERNAKULAM.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI.S.U.NAZAR

THIS BAIL APPLICATION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 18/12/2007 , THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

R.BASANT, J.

B.A.No.7994 of 2007

Dated this the 18th day of December 2007

O R D E R

Application for anticipatory bail. The petitioner faces indictment in a prosecution under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. He had appeared and was enlarged on bail. But consequent to his non-appearance on 11/10/2007, a non-bailable warrant has been issued against the petitioner. The petitioner finds such warrant chasing him.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is absolutely innocent. His absence earlier was not wilful or deliberate. The petitioner is willing to surrender before the learned Magistrate and seek regular bail. But he apprehends that his application for bail may not be considered by the learned Magistrate on merits, in accordance with law and expeditiously. He, therefore, prays that directions under Section 482 Cr.P.C. may be issued to the learned Magistrate to release the petitioner on bail when he appears and applies for bail.

3. It is for the petitioner to appear before the learned Magistrate and explain to the learned Magistrate, the circumstances under which he could not earlier appear before

the learned Magistrate. I find absolutely no reason to assume that the learned Magistrate would not consider the application for bail to be filed by the petitioner on merits, in accordance with law and expeditiously. Every court must do the same. No special or specific directions appear to be necessary. Sufficient general directions have been issued in Alice George vs. Deputy Superintendent of Police [2003(1)KLT 339].

4. In the result, this bail application is dismissed but with the specific observation that if the petitioner surrenders before the learned Magistrate and applies for bail, after giving sufficient prior notice to the Prosecutor in charge of the case, the learned Magistrate must proceed to pass appropriate orders on merits, in accordance with law and expeditiously - on the date of surrender itself.

(R.BASANT, JUDGE)

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CRL.M.CNo.

ORDER

21ST DAY OF MAY2007